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Love Letter

Love Token Society Newsletter

VALENTINE'S DAY WAS BORN MORE THAN 1,700 YEARS AGO

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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT CAROL DECKER.

Congratualations to Kathy Freeland for winning 2nd place with her Love Token Exhibit at the ANA show in Pittsburg.

Also, congratulations to Tom Baxter for winning a 2nd place, and Sid Gale for winning 1st place in the Miscellaneous category at FUN.

Hats off to KATHY, SID AND TOM.

(Anyone who exhibits at a ANA or major show, such as FUN, will have their LTS dues waived for a year.)

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Financial Statement

General Funds		
Balance As Of October 15, 2004		**$4,161.91**
Receipts		
New Members	$37.50	
Membership Dues	$1,087.50	
Interest	$1.86	
Total Receipts	$1,126.86	
Subtotal		**$5,288.77**
Expenses		
CK #1066 Robert C. Newhouse -LL# 216	$352.04	
Total Expenses		($352.04)
Balance As Of February 15, 2005		**$4,936.73**
Permanent Fund 1-year certificate of deposit Citizens Bank & Trust Mandeville. LA 70448		**$1,200.00**
TOTAL Love Token Society Funds		**$6,136.73**

Welcome New Members

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Membership Report

Membership as of December 9, 2004	192
New Members	3
Membership as of February 15, 2005	195

THANK YOU to all who sent in their dues! If you have not done so, please send $12.50 today. I will send an invoice 30 days after the Love Letter is mailed to those who are delinquent. This will be the last Love Letter for those who do not send payment by publication of the next issue.

Notes from the Secretary

Our meeting at the FUN show was conducted on Friday afternoon. Our President, Carol Decker, gave a very interesting and informative presentation on "Exhibiting Love Tokens." Two members exhibited love tokens at FUN. Love tokens are included in the Miscellaneous classification, so the two exhibits competeted with four other exhibits. Tom Baxter's exhibit received 2nd place and Sid Gale's exhibit received 1st place.

Sid Gale reported the LTS Officer election results. There were no Write-In candidates. The votes submitted were unanimous for the candidtates being considered. The members in attendance approved the slate with no controversy. Therefore, our officer and volunteer positions for 2005-2006 are:

President	Pat Hammond
Vice President	Ernie Turnes
Secretary/Treasurer	Sid Gale
Newsletter Editor	Bob Newhouse
Love Token Sales	Steve Tompkins

Thank you.
Sid Gale, Secretary

Tokens of Affection

Popular for Lovers

Jeff Starck

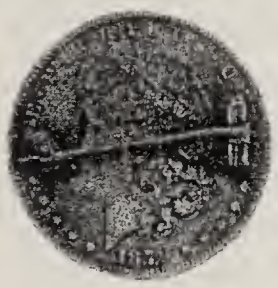
Valentine's Day was born more than 1,700 years ago, named for a saint martyred for performing marriages illegally. But it's still the day many people choose to express their amorous affection for their significant other.

That expression takes many forms, ranging from gifts of the repulsive (power tools, fast-food dinners) to the romantic (spa indulgences, Paris). Flowers, candy and chocolate may be safe bets for the womany you love, but it wasn't always that way. Love tokens, engraved coins often initialed, were widely popular after the Civil War, from 1876 to 1893, according to Dr. Sol Taylor, author of The Standard Guide to Love Tokens, published in 1983. Valentine's Day was also becoming widely popular in the United States after the war.

"The" St. Valentine, for whom the day is named, could be any one of three saints named Valentine or Valentinus, according to www.howstuffworks.com/valentine.htm. During that time, few men were joining the Roman Army, which was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage, believing single men were more apt to join the army.

St. Valentine defied this order and secretly wed many couples. He was arrested and was sentenced to death. While in prison, he befriended the jailer's daughter. Legend has it St. Valentine sent her the first "Valentine" Feb. 14, A.D. 270, the day of his execution, writing "From your Valentine."

Early valentines were made by hand in many different fashions, using colored paper and inks. Esther Howland produced the first commercial American valentine in the 1840s. Later, Joyce Hall began the paper-emotions empire "Hallmark," becoming the leader in greeting cards in 1915. While technology has expanded the ways to articulate your love to include musical musings and scratch-and-sniff smells, the love token has almost been forgotten. Love tokens are made when one or more sides of a coin are planed or polished flat to create a clean engraving surface. Initials, messages and, rarely, scenes are carved into the surface. It was an artisitc – and relatively cheap – way to express love. Most often, initials and monograms are the extent of the carver's skill, but sometimes scenes such as where the lovers met or significant dates also appear.



The name Mary was elaborately engraved on the reverse of an 1879 Morgan dollar and a pin was attached on the obverse so it could be worn as jewelry. (From the Fred Grater Collection.)

Love tokens date as far back as the Colonial days, when they were used to commemorate births, deaths, marriages and anniversaries in what would be come the United States. They are believed to have begun in England, and were used by sailors, who hoped their sweethearts would remember then.

According to Milana K. Bizic, in Taylor's book, about half of all love tokens appear on Seated Liberty dimes, and many date 1876. The ease of morphing silver and the low cost of dimes, as well as the nation's centennial, contributed to this.

Engravings range from primitive pin-scratched pieces to more elaborate tokens where several colors of gold were overlaid and intertwined. Love tokens aren't limited to small U.S. coinage. Numerous foreign issues and several denominations of gold coins have been used to make love tokens. Love tokens were often holed to hang as a necklace or placed on a bracelet. In some cases, women collected the tokens avariciously.

Mutilation of U.S. coinages was outlawed in 1909, but the popularity of love tokens was already on the wane. They remain a relic of the past, an interesting piece of folklore about the language of love. And they are highly and avidly collected today.

Jeff Starck, published in Coin Worlds' Coin Values, Volume 2, Number 2 (2003)

1882 Proof $20 Gold

PART 2

BY JAMES SNEDDON

The elder Edward and wife Sarah were stunned speechless by the sentimental gift from their sons. It was clever, unique, and stunningly beautiful. It took one's breath away just looking at it. Edward's recent fiancee, Anna, wondered what kind of family she was marrying into. On the surface her future husband seemed to be conservative and unemotional, but beneath the outer qualities lurked a wild, imaginative and unpredictable person. Anna supposed they would get married in a year, according to convention and propriety. It turned out to be three years before they married. Edward wanted them both to be sure they truly loved each other. When Thomas (Edward's brother) left, it also contributed to Edward and Anna's delay in marrying, because it left the whole family in an uproar.

Thomas headed west, lured by tales of mountain men and Indians. He amassed a small fortune of gold in the 1858 - 1859 gold rush in the foothills west of Denver. Before Thomas could really settle down, the dark events of the nation intruded. The things that Thomas valued above all else was freedom and equality for all. The Civil War came and he enlisted in the Union army to help slaves obtain their freedom. Four years of fighting took their toll.

Thomas longed to find the ideal place, where freedom and equality existed. After General Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Thomas took to wandering the Rocky Mountains, like the mountain men of forty to sixty years before. He longed to be like Jim Bridger and Jedediah Smith, but circumstances and fate decreed otherwise. Near South Pass in Wyoming, Thomas joined in a minor gold rush in 1967-1868 and obtained more gold. More valuable than the gold he found, Thomas found peace, solitude, and purity in the remote mountains. He also found love in the form of the eighteen-year old daughter of another prospector. They married and immediately Thomas quit prospecting and settled down in the vicinity of Boulder Lake, northwest of South Pass -- one of a series of lakes near the present day town of Pinedale, Wyoming.

In late 1869, one of Thomas's fondest wishes came true, as the territory of Wyoming granted women suffrage. He now lived in a place of true freedom and equality. Thomas wrote to his older brother, Edward, and told him he had finally found a place where all people were created equal. Thomas and his wife, Susan, set about the task of making their equal partnership work. They built a solid business and family together.

Thomas had taken his inspiration from his older brother and sister-in-law, Anna. He had kept in touch with Edward over the years by mail and learned about his brother's success in building the family business. Thomas rejoiced in his brother's fortune in business and in the additions of Elizabeth, Mary and Edith to the family. He mused that if he had remained back east, Edward and he would have been cutting each other's throat figuratively. Instead they found their destinies and preserved their love of each other. The only regret Thomas had, was leaving home and alienating his father.

Unknown to Thomas, his father was well aware of his younger son's accomplishments through his eldest son, Edward. The elder Edward had forgiven Thomas a long time ago, but told young Edward that Thomas had to come back on his own. He gave young Edward strict orders not to relate anything of the forgiveness. Thomas had to come home of his own free will, unfettered by an mitigating knowledge of what had transpired back home.

Thomas didn't know it, but he took on a mystical quality of being a knight in shining armor to his nieces, Elizabeth, Mary, and Edith. Young Edward told his daughters of the exploits of their uncle and the longed for the day they could meet him in person.

When Thomas learns the reason Edward is at the mint, he decides it is time to come home and reconcile with his father. He has seen his mother, Sarah, several times over the years, but Sarah was told by her husband not to pressure Thomas to come home. The older Edward said it was imperative Thomas had to come of his own free will.

(to be continued in the next issue of "Love Letter")

T-26 SW 1887 $10.00	T-27 SHE 1887 $11.00	T-28 ARR 1891 $11.00	T-29 VJH 1900 $9.00	T-30 CC Canada Half Dime $18.00	T-31 GEC 1887 $20.00
T-32 E 1911 $8.00	T-33 Wyman 1875 $12.00	T-34 McC Seated Dime $9.00	T-35 C Seated Dime $22.00		
V-1 H 1850 $8.00	V-2 MBB 1876 $10.00	V-3 AC 1877 $10.00	V-4 KS 20 Pf Germany $9.00	V-5 KM 20 Pf Germany $9.00	V-6 CH 20 Pf Germany $9.00
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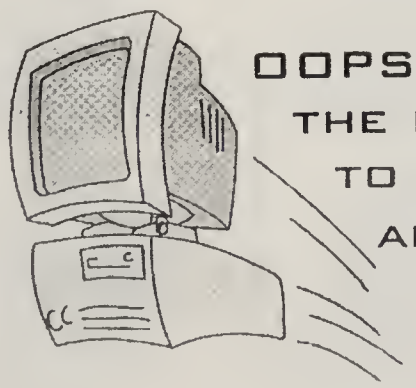

OOPS! THE ARTICLE "LOVE TOKENS A TO Z" IN THE LAST ISSUE WAS MISTAKENLY ATTRIBUTED TO CAROL PROKAP. THE ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN AND SUBMITTED BY CAROL DECKER.

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A-1 Meb 1876 $15.00	A-2 LM 1876 $8.00	A-3 Nettie 1882 $12.00	A-4 JEJ 1882 $8.00	A-5 FF Quarter <1854> $16.00	B-1 EFFIE 1890 $5.00
B-2 MHJ 1891 $5.00	B-3 FDW <1874> $8.00	B-4 EMC 1877 $9.00	B-5 EMT 1883 $9.00	B-6 CSC 1884 $9.00	B-7 GWR 1888 $9.00
B-8 RNG 1890 $11.00	B-9 HWH Canada HDime $9.00	B-10 NA <185?> Quarter $13.00	J-1 PFL R.E. Blank $9.00	J-2 PE Canada Dime $9.00	J-3 AIC Canada 5 Cents $10.00
J-4 GAK Canada 5 Cents $10.00	J-5 WHP 1877 $10.00	J-6 AFC Canada Dime $10.00	J-7 ERS Canada Dime $10.00	J-8 FSF British 6 Pence $12.50	J-9 AV Canada 5 Cents $15.00
J-10 JEC Canada 5 Cents $15.00	J-11 ECW British 3 Pence $9.00	J-12 MWM British 3 Pence $9.00	J-13 MC Canada Dime $9.00	J-14 FC 1877 $9.00	J-15 JMB Canada 5 Cents $8.00
J-16 McN Canada 5 Cents $8.00	J-17 LAR British 3 Pence $8.00	J-18 LC Canada Dime $8.00	J-19 LVB 1856 $8.00	J-20 CEL 1887 $15.00	J-21 JCL 1861 HDime $15.00
J-22 CJM Canada Dime $15.00	J-23 CWS 1887 $15.00	J-24 SI Canada Dime $10.00	J-25 E Canada Dime $10.00	J-26 FK <1853> $10.00	J-27 LCP 1875 $15.00
J-28 ER 1892 $15.00	J-29 WCL Canada Dime $15.00	J-30 JFM/HMM Seated Quarter $12.50	J-31 RWH 1877 Quarter $25.00	J-32 WGM 1877 $10.00	J-33 HMS 1902 $10.00

J-34 NC <1853> $15.00	J-35 WSH 1856 $15.00	J-36 Design Seated Dime $20.00	J-37 FRANK 1876 $20.00	J-38 Barber Dimes $20.00	
J-39 PJM <1854> 1856 $35.00		J-40 WC British 3 Pence $10.00	J-41 JEH British 3 Pence $10.00	J-42 EAF Canada 5 Cents $10.00	P-1 C 1838 $20.00
P-2 G 1858 $12.00	P-3 CPS 1875 $12.00	P-4 AD 1875 $10.00	P-5 CS 1875 $12.00	P-6 LO 1875 $10.00	P-7 WB 1882 $10.00
P-8 CJB 1884 $10.00	P-9 AD 1884 $10.00	P-10 CC 1857 Half Dime $12.00	P-11 RUTH 1900 Quarter $17.00	P-12 A British 6 Pence $10.00	P-13 NELLIE Venezuela 1876 $15.00
P-14 NYC 3C Nickel $22.00	P-15 ABM 3C Silver $25.00	S-1 EHS 1883 $10.00	S-2 JWC Seated Dime $10.00	S-3 WPJ 1877 $9.00	T-1 ADC 1829 LC $30.00
T-2 GR/1862 IHC $25.00	T-3 Lynn/7-4-93 2 Cen[illegible] $12.00	T-4 LP 3C Silver $25.00	T-5 JR 1883 V Nickel $22.00	T-6 B Canada Half Dime $9.00	T-7 Y 1871 H Dime $15.00
T-8 1/9/00 British 6 Pence $8.00	T-9 JAM Canada Dime $10.00	T-10 B Seated Dime $12.00	T-11 M Seated Dime $12.00	T-12 WO Seated Dime $10.00	T-13 PRTO Seated Dime $12.00
T-14 LC 1872 $10.00	T-15 EEM 1875 $11.00	T-16 CLH 1875 $11.00	T-17 HTF 1875 $9.00	T-18 FTS 1875 $9.00	T-19 WK 1876 $11.00
T-20 EED 1877 $12.00	T-21 (blank) 1883 $6.00	T-22 Mama 1884 $15.00	T-23 SA 1885 $12.00	T-24 EHJ 1886 $9.00	T-25 FJC 1886 $13.00

Love Letter

Love Token Society Newsletter

Dr. Robert C. Newhouse
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Happy Valentines Day! Please find enclosed three pages of love tokens for your pleasurable perusal. I had hoped to put together an auction for this issue, but due to a heavy work schedule and lack of newsletter space it didn't make it this time. I will put the auction in the next issue due out in April. If anyone has an item they wish to put up for auction please contact me as soon as you can.

Even if you call and are not able to reach me please leave your choices on my answering machine or voicemail. I will always get the message so you have a better chance to get the coins you want. **I WILL STRESS AGAIN, DO NOT JUST SEND PAYMENT FOR COINS. YOU MUST PLACE THE ORDER BY PHONE OR E-MAIL**

As always, starting from the time the first person contacts me, until seven days have passed, anyone calling can order up to 4 tokens only. After the seven days if you wish to order more then you will be able to call and place that order. By doing this, it is hoped that more people will get an opportunity to purchase the tokens they are wanting. Any other suggestions or questions are welcomed and feedback would be appreciated.

NOTES FOR THIS SALE:

Lot # B-1 - MODERN ENGRAVING
Lot # B-2 - MODERN ENGRAVING
Lot # J-18 - MANY SCRATCHES
Lot # J-34 - CUFF BUTTON W/ 3C SILVER FOR BACKING
Lot # J-35 - WORKING PINBACK
Lot # J-36 - CUFF BUTTON
Lot # J-37 - WAS ONCE THE END OF A BRACELET
Lot # J-38 - ON CUTDOWN BARBER DIMES ONLY ONE ENGRAVED W/ "MB"
Lot # J-39 - MATCHING CUFF BUTTONS W/ CUTDOWN HALFDIMES FOR BACKING
Lot # P-4 & P-9 ARE POSSIBILY MATCHING
Lot # S-3 - A FEW LIGHT SCRATCHES
Lot # T-3 - STAMPED NOT ENGRAVED
Lot # T-30 - STICKPIN
Lot # T-31 - STICKPIN
Lot # T-33 - WAS ONCE THE END OF A BRACELET
Lot # T-34 - CUFF BUTTON
Lot # T-35 - ENAMELLED LETTER CUFF BUTTON
Lot # V-14 - LOOPED REMOVED

Ordering Love Tokens

Please made checks payable to:

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(360) 670-9688 cell
smt115@aol.com

In remitting, please do not forget to include the postage as follows:

Orders
up to $ 50 - add $2.00
up to $100 - add $3.25
up to $150 - add $4.00
up to $200 - add $5.00
up to $300 - add $5.50
up to $400 - add $7.75
OVER $400 - add $9.25

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OUT-GOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We began the year, just as others past, with thoughts of old friends and new beginnings. What that meant for LTS was a change of leadership. Election ballots were counted and a vote was taken at the LTS annual FUN show meeting. It was unanimous with Pat Hammond taking over as President and Ernie Turnes elected to the office of Vice President. The other offices and elected positions were left unchanged.

Old acquaintances shall not be forgotten, as I will occasionally submit articles to the Love Letter and always encourage others to contribute as well. As my last presidential act, I implemented two new programs to encourage participation and other viewpoints.

The first is a new column called "Love Token of the Month" and was inspired at the request of Steve Thompkins who has volunteered the first entry, hopefully appearing in the next issue. This regular column is a forum where members can send a short written commentary and picture (photo, photocopy, or scan) of their favorite love token. Submissions may be of the first love token ever purchased, a neat new acquisition, or a collection favorite. A new coin will be selected and featured in each issue, so keep those entries coming to the editor, Robert Newhouse.

The second program is also a new column called "Ask Miss Love Token." Members may submit questions regarding love tokens which I will then answer through the Love Letter. As Miss Love Token may not have all the answers, occasionally some may be posed to the membership. Alternative answers, viewpoints, and input are also encouraged.

We welcome Pat and Ernie to their new posts and await their leadership. Both are active in other clubs and have been regular contributors to the Love Letter, so I am confident that LTS is in good hands. We are also grateful to Sid, Bob, and Steve with their steady and continued hard work. Although I am retiring, I will not forget this great group of fellow collectors which I have enjoyed serving despite deadlines and laborious research. Although I am leaving, I will not be far away and can be found in the pages of the Love Letter or just ask for Miss Love Token.

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Total Receipts	$684.46		
Subtotal			$5,621.19
Expenses			
CK #1066 Robert C. Newhouse -LL# 217			
Kinkos	$131.10		
Layout/Design	$75.00		
Postage	$81.05		
Mailing Labels	$39.72		
subtotoal		($326.57)	
Invoice for Dues:			
CK# 1068 USPS Postage	$33.30		
Printing	$ 6.88		
Envelopes	$ 8.82		
Labels	$ 3.90		
subtotal		($52.90)	
Total Expenses			**($379.47)**
Balance As Of April 10, 2005			**$5,241.72**
Permanent Fund 1-year certificate of deposit Citizens Bank & Trust Mandeville. LA 70448			**$1,200.00**
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Membership Report

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Welcome New Members

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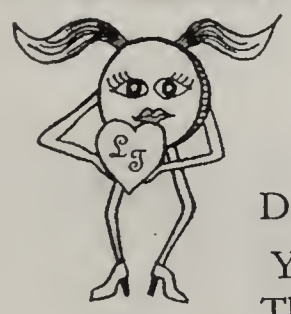

Dear Miss Love Token,
I was unable to attend the FUN show and wondered what I missed?
Signed, Stuck at Home,
Franklin, NC

Dear Stuck at Home,

You're not the only one -- about 10-12 people attended the meeting (a pretty normal turnout). The LTS officer election concluded and the results were as expected, the proposed slate was voted for unanimously. Carol Decker gave a lecture on competitive love token exhibiting. The ANA judging standards were reviewed and insights and tips were given for successful exhibiting. To summarize, exhibits are judged on: tittle and scope, basic numismatic information, special numismatic information, creativity and originality, attractiveness, balance, completeness, degree of difficulty, condition, and rarity. For detailed information on exhibiting go to the ANA website at www.money.org or contact them directly.

There were two love token exhibits and a Faberge enamel coin exhibit on display at FUN. And just a reminder, anyone who exhibits love tokens is entitled to a free one year membership in LTS. As for love tokens for sale, I think this show was a little more sparse than usual. A couple dealers who routinely stock love tokens were not present this time, possibly due to the change of venue to Fort Lauderdale.

Sincerely,
Miss Love Token
Glad to be of service

Send Questions to:
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Sarasota, FL 34231

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A-7 **Pictorial** <1853> Half Dim $25.00	A-8 **Harry** 1883 $25.00	A-9 **Pictorial** 1891 $35.00	B-1 **EFFIE** 1890 $5.00	B-2 **MHJ** 1891 $5.00	B-3 **FDW** <1874> $8.00
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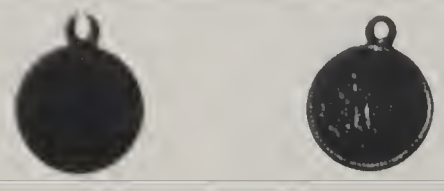
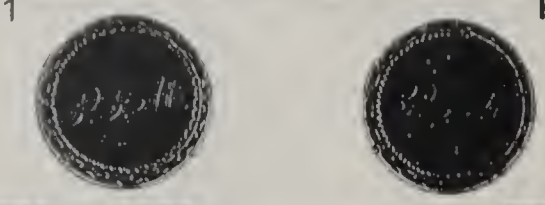
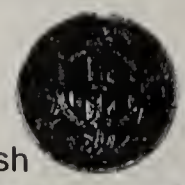
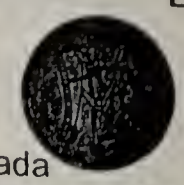
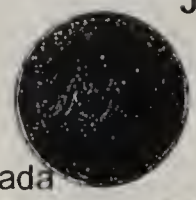
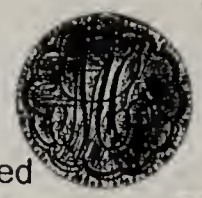
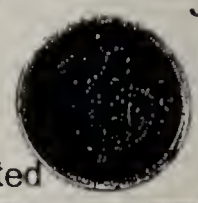
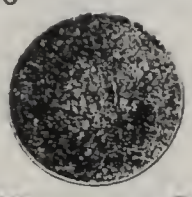
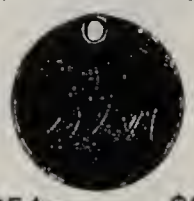
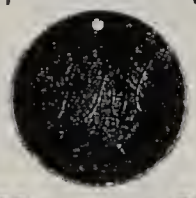
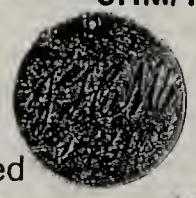
J-30  Barber Dimes $20.00	J-31 PJM  <1854> 1856 $35.00			J-32 JEH  British 3 Pence $10.00	J-33 EAF  Canada 5 Cents $10.00
J-34 JR 1883 3 Pence $8.00	J-35 Y Canada Half Dim $8.00	J-36 JB Canada Half Dime $8.00	J-37 JLS  Canada Dime $8.00	J-38 MC  Seated Dime $8.00	J-39 JIS  Seated Dime $8.00
J-40 ?  1842 $8.00	J-41 Design 1849 $8.00	J-42 Design <1853> $8.00	J-43 RLA  <1854> $8.00	J-44 LTC 1856 $8.00	J-45 CF 1875 $8.00
J-46 F 1877 $8.00	J-47 JRC  1883 $8.00	J-48 NC 1890 $8.00	J-49 OFS Canada Dime $9.00	J-50 JHM/1871  Seated Dime $9.00	P-1 R Stickpin Gold $ T- $55.00
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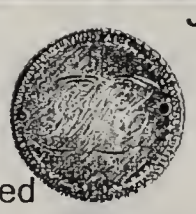
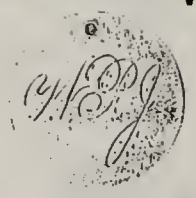
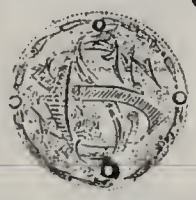
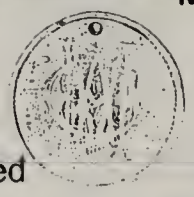
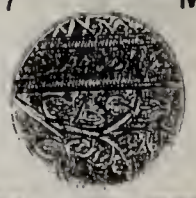
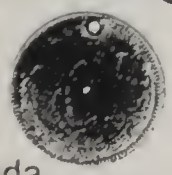
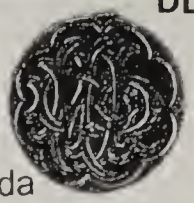
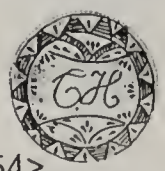
H-1 CAB <1853> $11.00	S-1 EHS 1883 $10.00	S-2 JWC  Seated Dime $10.00	S-3 WPJ  1877 $9.00	S-4 M Seated Dime $2.50	S-5 B Seated Dime $2.50
S-6 EDL Seated Dime $2.50	S-7 CSS  1875 $7.00	S-8 WHN 1873 $7.00	S-9 WC 1883 $7.00	S-10 SC Seated Dime $7.00	S-11 HG 1875 $7.00
S-12 S&E Canada Half Dime $8.00	S-13 FPW 1870 Half Dime $9.00	S-14 GEC 1860 Half Dime $10.00	S-15 ALF 1875 $8.00	S-16 MAC  Seated Dime $9.00	S-17 MAY  1891 $20.00
S-18 CTC  Canada Half Dime $9.00	S-19 RBM 1876 $9.00	S-20 DLMc  Canada Dime $12.00	S-21 CH  <1854> Half Dime $10.00	S-22 FL <1853> $10.00	S-23 JMD 1888 $10.00

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Lot # A-5----------SEVERAL LIGHT OBVERSE SCRATCHES
Lot # A-9----------HAS "JHR" BELOW A SENIC PICTORIAL
Lot # B-1----------MODERN ENGRAVING
Lot # B-2----------MODERN ENGRAVING
Lot # J-16----------MANY SCRATCHES
Lot # J-27----------CUFF BUTTON W/ 3C SILVER FOR BACKING
Lot # J-28----------CUFF BUTTON
Lot # J-30----------ON CUTDOWN BARBER DIMES ONLY ONE ENGRAVED W/ "MB"
Lot # J-31----------MATCHING CUFF BUTTONS W/ CUTDOWN HALFDIMES FOR BACKING
Lot # J-38----------MANY SCRATCHES
Lot # J-40----------VERY LIGHTLY ENGRAVED "F.J. TAUNTON MAY 21 1870"
Lot # P-2 & P-5----ARE POSSIBILY MATCHING
Lot # P-6----------VERY HEAVY ENGRAVING
Lot # S-4----------SOME DAMAGE AND SCRATCHES
Lot # S-5----------LIGHT DAMAGE AND SCRATCHES
Lot # S-6----------HAS BEEN SMASHED
Lot # S-9----------LIGHT BEND
Lot # S-28----------REVERSE HAS THE LORDS PRAYER BUT VERY WORN
Lot # T-1----------HIGH GRADE COIN
Lot # T-13----------STICKPIN
Lot # T-19----------ENAMELLED LETTER CUFF BUTTON

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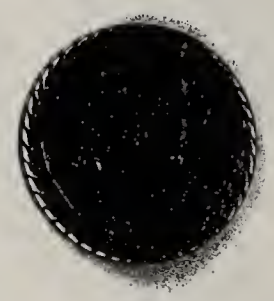

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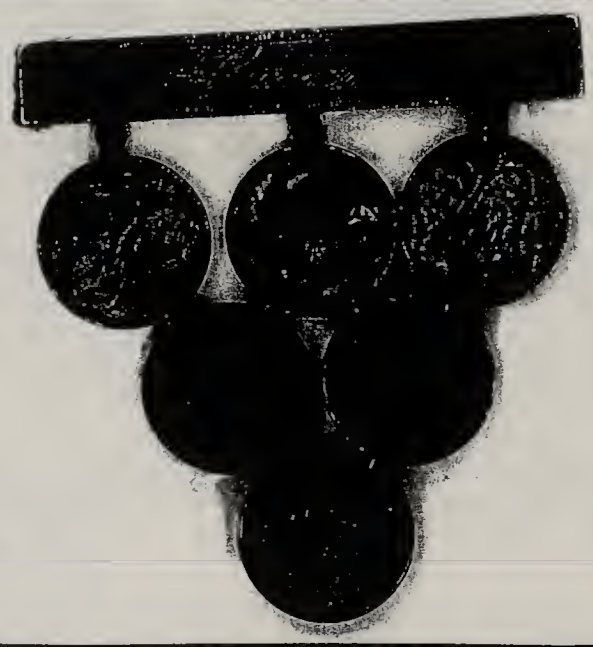

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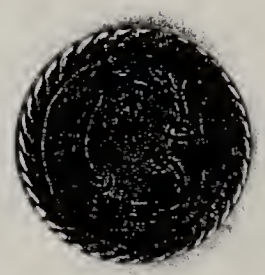

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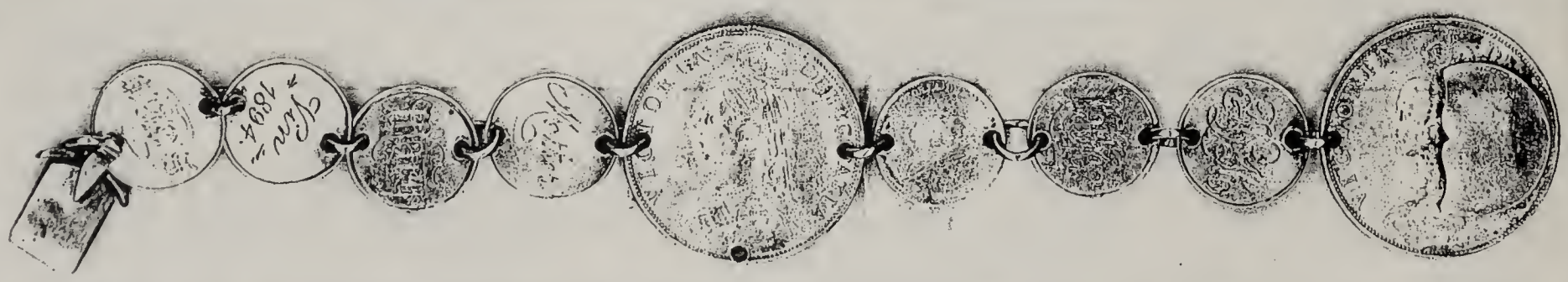

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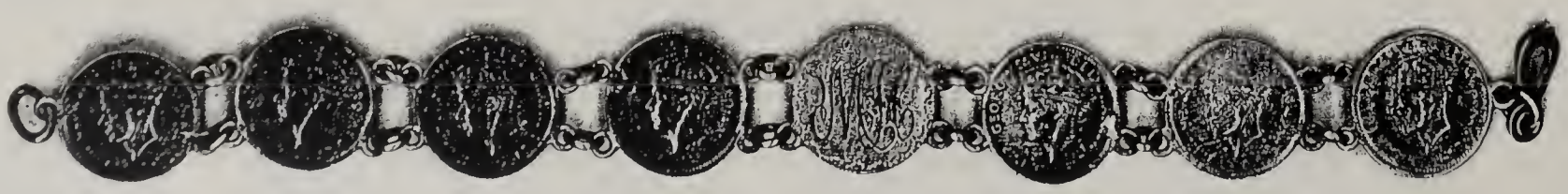

Sales

Hello all, and welcome to another issue of the Love Letter which is filled to the brim with, I hope, a love token for everyone. We have a lot of fresh material in this issue and finally an auction. So dig in and see if you can find that special token and bid high, bid often!

Even if you call and are not able to reach me please leave your choices on my answering machine or voicemail. I will always get the message so you have a better chance to get the coins you want. I **WILL STRESS AGAIN, DO NOT JUST SEND PAYMENT FOR COINS. YOU MUST PLACE THE ORDER BY PHONE OR E-MAIL**

As always, starting from the time the first person contacts me, until seven days have passed, anyone calling can order up to 4 tokens only. After the seven days if you wish to order more then you will be able to call and place that order. By doing this, it is hoped that more people will get an opportunity to purchase the tokens they are wanting. Any other suggestions or questions are welcomed and feedback would be appreciated. Good Luck

Steve Tompkins

LOVE TOKEN MAIL BID AUCTION CLOSES ON MAY 31

AUCTION DESCRIPTIONS

LOT #1: A gothic "H" inside a wreath on a US Half Dollar from 1858

LOT #2: A 6-coin broach with the top 3 coins on a bar and the lower ones hanging. All are initials on seated dimes as follows: 1876-CG, 1877-ESB, 1876-FTW, 1875-MAM, 1884- SAV, 1877-JAC

LOT #3: Masonic pictorial on a Mexican 8 Reale. Inscribed above with "TRIUNE" and "DEC 1923" below.

LOT #4: An 1862 US Half Dollar Broach with "ESTHER" & 2 Dimes hanging, 1876-KMcR & 1882-NK.

LOT #5: A 1707 English ½ crown with "A KEEPSAKE FROM TC to RT" across the portrait.

LOT #6: A Seated $ engraved with "Josie Calvin Erving / Christmas / 1868 / She's Just The Blessedest Baby" Well worn and holed at the top.

LOT #7: A Morgan $ with a pictorial Dove holding a scroll with "10-VI-62" and the names "Faustino & Alejanora" and Flowers & vines. Holed at top.

LOT #8: Matching Seated Quarter Cuff Buttons, 1877 & 1878 with the letter "C" engraved like a log.

LOT #9: A waistcoat pin made out of 3 1889 Gold Dollars, 2 on stickpins with a chain to another which is engraved "TSE". Nice piece!

LOT #10: 6 coin seated dime broach hanging from a bar engraved "Cecelia". The dimes are engraved as follows: 1875-Katie, 1850-LB, 1856-Clara, 1876-FW, Flowers-AP, 1854-G. Mounting pin is broken.

LOT #11: A 9 coin Bracelet of English coins. 3 Pence coins engraved "THL", "Father", "Letizia", "Mother", "Mary", "Vin/1894", "SCHD" and 2-1/2 Crowns from 1887.

LOT #12: 8 coin Bracelet made out of 5 cent coins from Newfoundland from the 1940's. Center coin engraved "MH". Nice uniform links.

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TERMS OF THE SALE:

1. No buyer's fee. Seller pays $ .50 per coin sold.
2. Sellers may have placed a reserve bid.
3. All winning bids over $15 will be reduced to approximately 10% above the second highest bid. No bids under $15 will be reduced.
4. All bids must be received by 8:00 PM (PST) on the closing date. Phone and E-mail bids are encouraged, but, the only information given will be the second highest bid.
5. Winning bidders will be notified as soon as the sale closes. Buyer must send payment, including postage and insurance, then coins will be sent out upon receipt of payment.

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Love Letter

Love Token Society Newsletter

Our sympathy to the families and friends of

D.V. Eaton
Will Leinicke
George Simms

members who have passed away in the past few months.

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Farewell to our Past President

Our heartfelt thanks and best wishes go to Carol as she leaves the LTS Presidency. Her articles have enlightened our readers for many years and we look forward to her new contribution as "Miss Love Token." Thanks Carol for all the work you have done as LTS President.

"Tip of the Token to You."

We have asked Carol to answer the following questions. Pat Hammond, our new LTS President will answer these same questions in the July/August newsletter.

What was the highlight(s) of your time as LTS President?

As an officer, I have met many people. With love token collectors I shared common interests and experiences but with those outside our group, I met people passionate and involved in other areas of numismatics. Some were officers of other clubs, authors, or exhibitors, but we shared a comradery in our desire to aide others, educate, and lead.

One highlight during my Presidency was exhibiting at the Atlanta ANA, although it did not take being a President to do this as anyone can exhibit. However I was honored to be the recipient of the Thos. H. Law (Best new exhibitor) and second runner up for the Howland Wood (best of show) awards. I think it helped showcase love tokens and put them on the same map along side more "serious" numismatics. I was extremely proud to be the representative for our hobby.

One unexpected surprise was finding that I had a talent for writing. I never saw myself as a writer but have worked very hard at it and have honed my skills. I confess I still struggle with grammar and spelling, but appreciate the assistance of editors and software programs with spellcheck.

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Financial Statement

General Funds		
Balance As Of April 10, 2005		**$5,241.72**
Receipts		
New Members	$0.00	
Membership Dues	$400.50	
Interest	$1.86	
Cash Donation	$1.00	
Total Receipts	$405.16	
Subtotal		**$5,644.88**
Expenses		
CK #1069 Robert C. Newhouse -LL# 218		
Kinkos	$22.92	
Graphics	$75.00	
Postage	$74.00	
Total Expenses		**($373.92)**
Balance As Of June 9, 2005		**$5,270.96**
Permanent Fund — 1-year certificate of deposit, Citizens Bank & Trust, Mandeville. LA 70448		**$1,216.00**
TOTAL Love Token Society Funds		**$6,486.96**

Membership Report

Membership as of June 9, 2005 165

Thank you to all who sent in their dues! If you have not done so, please send $12.50 today. I will send an invoice 30 days after the Love Letter is mailed to those who are delinquent. This will be the last Love Letter for those who do not send payment by publication of the next issue.

I am very sad to report that three of our members have passed in the last few months: D.V. Eaton, Will Leinicke, and George Simms.

Sid Gale, Secretary

FOR SALE:

Love Token "Benders" (a.k.a. "Crooked Sixpences") for sale, various shapes and grades. These are mostly from the late 1700s to early 1800s.

Grab Bag of five for $25.00, ten for $50.00.

Contact Michelle Brubaker at nbbywoo@gmail.com

Farewell to our Past President

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Do you have any words of wisdom for our new President Pat Hammond?

A change of leadership can bring new ideas, perspective, and direction for any club or group. Clubs evolve through member participation and sharing and implementing new ideas. For a healthy and vital organization, I encourage others to volunteer their time and ideas either through submitting their thoughts/articles to the editor or starting to think about the possibility of running for office in future elections.

As for Pat, our thanks for undertaking the position of President. To make an impact, look for an area in the club that you as a member may have felt was lacking or something you feel can be improved. Always approach a situation with imagination, creativity, and humor.

On the technical side, I recommend that any officer read "Club Trouble?" by Bill Fivaz. A copy of which can be found through the ANA website at www.money.org. The topics covered are:

N	new members
U	uniqueness
M	motivation
I	interesting items for newsletters
S	sons and daughters-YN connection
M	membership retention
A	activity
T	team concept
I	informational handouts about your club
C	coin shows and conventions
S	stimulate

What is your favorite love token or love token find?

This question either has no answer or many answers. Since I collect so many categories of love tokens, it is a little like the proverbial apples to oranges comparison. Or, with love tokens being unique like people, how can you love one child more than any other? It is a little out there to think of them as children (and I don't really), but we are their protectors while they are in our care and after we are gone they go back out into the world on their own to find their own way through new homes.

As categories go, I find myself quite partial to pictorials especially of unusual animals and people as well as the message/sayings category. I also appreciate rare type coin love tokens and unusual jewelry. One of my favorites is a watch chain made from seven $5 gold love tokens, of which six are enameled (one with a good size diamond) and the seventh is gold metal overlay. I have converted it with a removable length of chain so it can be worn as a necklace.

Do you collect all types of love tokens or do you concentrate on certain types such as dollars, dimes, etc.?

When I first started collecting love tokens I was only interested in the pictorials, but found them few and far between. Any collector will become dissatisfied or lose interest if that which is collected is unavailable show after show. Love tokens can be found at larger state and national shows, but local ones offer little selection and the few available are usually initials. Well, I had to get creative and find an appreciation for the more common types which led to collecting names, dates, fancy borders, single initials, type coins, date sets of dimes, and so on. When I do find those special pictorials it is just all the more exciting.

Do you have any other hobbies or interests in addition to collecting love tokens?

By training I am an artist and educator. The artist in me appreciates the miniature works of art rendered on the love tokens and the educator has aided me in writing articles and lecturing at our annual meetings. As an artist I am often involved in a new creative project. My last one was making a jacket with a buffalo nickel theme. I used real buffalo nickel buttons and sewed seed beads in the form of a very large nickel on the back of the jacket. The endeavor took 80-90 hours to complete. I usually think big and always underestimate the time needed to complete the project.

I am a collector at heart and do not only collect love tokens. My other collections include: Victorian jewelry, lockets, Italian mosaic jewelry, miniature painting on ivory, carved stone frogs, enameled English coins, artistically altered coins (pop-outs, cut outs, box coins, coin spoons, etc.) postcards, antiques, and a few hobo nickels. However, love tokens are by far the largest of my collections.

Do you have any other information you would like to share with the membership at this time?

I am retiring as President but will continue to be active in love tokens through research, collecting, and possibly more exhibiting.

1882 Proof $20 Gold — END OF STORY

by James Sneddon

This is the conclustion of the story written by James Sneddon, first published in December 2004 Love Letter and the the second part in the February 2005 Love Letter.

Young Edward suggests that now that Thomas is coming home, they really surprise the family by including Thomas' and his family's names on the gold platter. The platter would be gold and the same size as the silver platter of twenty-five years earlier. Edward and Thomas decide to keep the surprise from the rest of the family. Edward goes to a skilled engraver and tells him what he wants done. The proof 1882 $20 gold coin is to be engraved with Edward's and Anna's names, as the primary presenters, and daughters, Elizabeth, Mary and Edith as the secondary presenters. The gold platter was engraved with Edward's family names along with Thomas' family names; his wife Susan, sons Edward and James, daughters, Sarah and Janet. A few days before the anniversary, the engraver stops by Edward's office with the works of art. The brilliant sunlight illuminating off the engraved 1882 $20 gold coin and the gold platter render Edward speechless. When he leaves for home, Edward breaths a sigh of relief. It has been especially difficult keeping the secret of Thomas coming to the 50th wedding anniversary of his parents. His wife knew something wasn't quite right. His daughter, Mary, knew there was something extraordinary afoot because she could practically read her father's mind. His mother, also sensed something.

Later that night, Edward showed his wife and daughters the gifts. The four burst into tears and Edward tells them not to get so sentimental about it. Later in their bedroom, Edward tells his wife, Anna, he could barely contain his own tears when he first saw the gifts. Needing to go out for something, Edward steps out into the hallway and sees his daughter Mary by the door. They both looked into each others eyes without saying anything. Edward immediately realized his daughter had overheard his conversation with his wife. Each knows what the other is thinking. In a certain way, Edward is closer to his daughter than he is to his wife. The non-verbal bonds run throughout the whole family. Edward, Mary and his own father are linked together this way. Anna has the same kind of communication with her youngest daughter, Edith. Sarah, his mother, and Elizabeth, his oldest daughter, have this special bond. Even though Elizabeth has never seen her uncle Thomas, they are linked together in this way.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary reception for Edward and Sarah is to be held Monday, May 8th, at 6:00 p.m. Thomas and his family get into town the day before and wait on a nearby piece of property. Young Edward has arranged it so as to keep the arrival secret from the rest of the family.. Elizabeth, Mary and Edith look forward to it for another reason. They are going to finally meet the uncle they have only heard about, the mystical, romantic figure from the West.

When the older Edward and Sarah get to the house, young Edward starts the festivities by presenting the 1882 $20 gold proof love token to his parents. When presenting the gold platter, Edward's wife throws open the curtains to the adjacent room, presenting Thomas and his family to the parents and daughters. As you can imagine there is complete pandemonium and plenty of hugs, kisses, tears and sentiment between Thomas and the rest of the family. The guests and Thomas' wife and children watch what transpires in utter fascination, their eyes riveted to the scene. They break out into tumultuous applause.

There are poignant scenes galore, one after another. Thomas embracing his mother, Sarah. Elizabeth, Mary and Edith finally getting to meet their phantom uncle in person. Then comes the most poignant scene of all – Thomas and his father embracing after twenty-five years. The elder Edward tells Thomas he never stopped loving him. He pulls out of his pocket a fifty-cent piece of 1857 and gives it to his younger son. It is specially engraved on the back, "To Thomas, who I always loved and to the day he comes home of his own free will." Thomas takes the coin and then pulls something out of his own pocket. He hands it to his father. It is an 1857 fifty-cent piece with an inscription on the reverse "to the father I

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always loved who one day will understand why I left home." Young Edward came to his father and younger brother and pulls an 1857 fifty-cent piece out of his pocket. It has been specially engraved with the inscription "To the day my father and brother reunite and heal their difference." It turns out almost a quarter of a century ago, Edward, young Edward and Thomas each had taken an 1857 fifty-cent piece out of circulation, had them engraved and carried them on their persons until the day they could all be together in harmony again.

The story is not yet complete. I have only one piece of the picture – the 1882 proof $20 gold love token. The other pieces are still missing. The three 1857 fifty-cent pieces each have their stories of their own. The Silver Anniversary dollar of 1857, also has its own story to tell. It is specially engraved on the reverse: 1857 Twenty Fifth Anniversary, presented to Edward and Sarah, by their sons Edward and Thomas. Until all the pieces are gathered together, the story of Edward and Sarah will never be complete.

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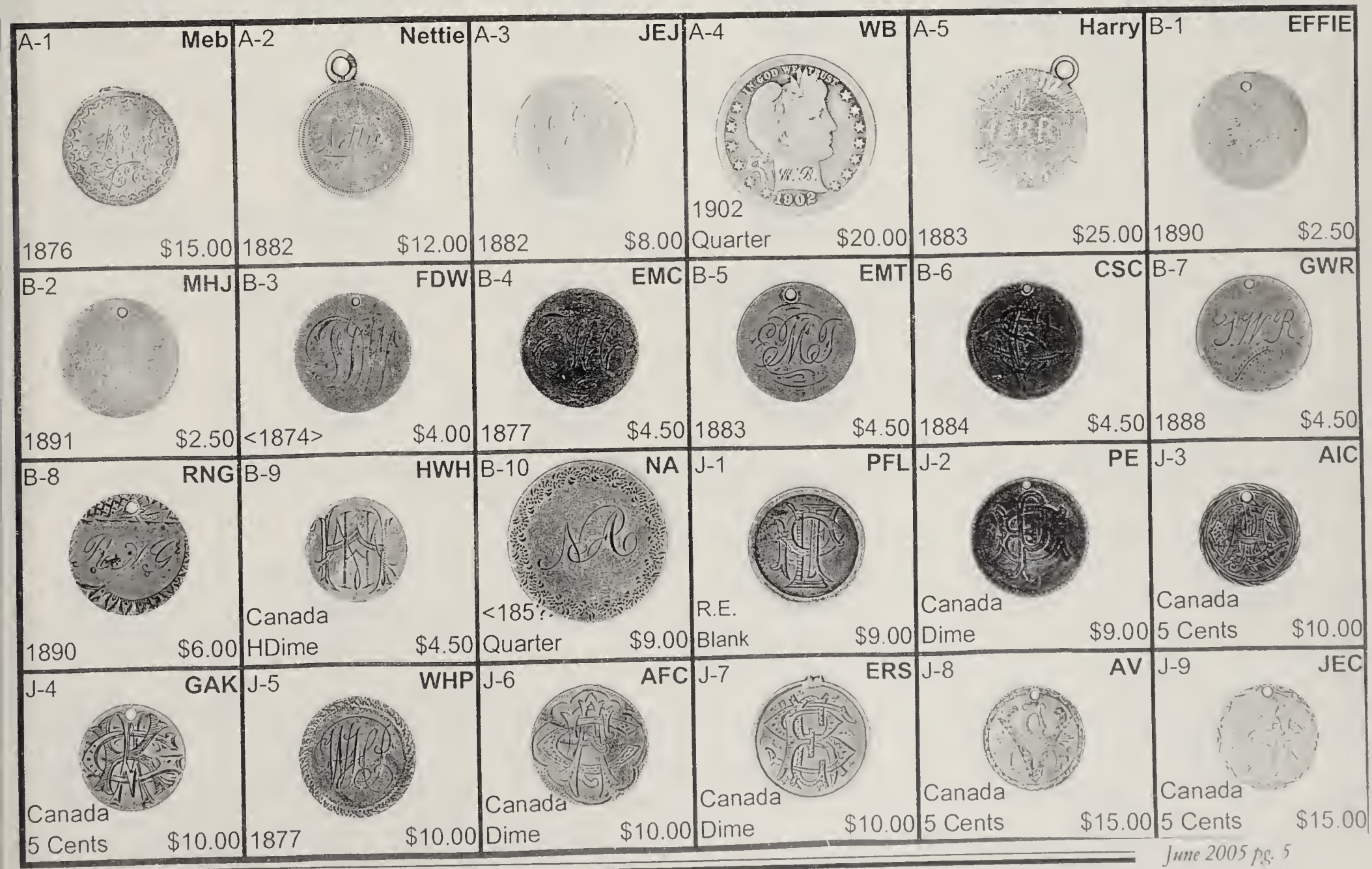

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Love Letter

Love Token Society Newsletter

Dr. Robert C. Newhouse
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Hello all, and welcome to another issue of the Love letter. Please note that we have several pieces, which have had a price reduction, so look deep and hard to find that special coin for you or someone close to you.

Even if you call and are not able to reach me, **please** leave your choices on my answering machine or voicemail. I will always get the message, so you have a better chance to get the coins you want. **I WILL STRESS AGAIN, DO NOT JUST SEND PAYMENT FOR COINS. YOU MUST PLACE THE ORDER BY PHONE OR E-MAIL**

As always, **starting from the time the first person contacts me, until seven days have passed, anyone calling can order up to 4 tokens only.** After the seven days if you wish to order more then you will be able to call and place that order. By doing this, it is hoped that more people will get an opportunity to purchase the tokens they are wanting. Any other suggestions or questions are welcomed and feedback would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Steve

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"JAMIE"

I just paid $75 for a love token (LT) on eBay, and not just any old love token, but one that has my very own name on it !!! Why on earth would someone do this? As soon as Barbara Newhouse, an avid love token collector, saw that I had won the special LT that was in Scotland, no less, she said I may have made the Guinness Book of World Records with the price of this LT. And even if I didn't make the book, would I consider writing an article about totally losing one's bidding inhibitions when it comes to the possibility of winning an excellent quality LT with one's own name beautifully engraved. I said sure, and thus the reason for this essay.

Barb and Bob Newhouse, our friends here in Manhattan, piqued my interest when I first saw Barb wear several of her love tokens. To further hook me, I was invited to their home to examine the shoeboxes of LT's. This was a new Nirvana for me. I am a button consumer (make jewelry with them for close to 8 years) and a collector of special individual buttons, with "special" being defined as what I find particularly interesting or attractive, not necessarily what is considered valuable, rare, or collectible by the National Button Society standards. Anyway, I was bitten by the Love Token bug.

My full name is Janice Ann Morrison Spikes. My mother worked for the obstetrician who delivered me. Dr. Newman was a wonderful woman. She never married and had little extended family, so her employees and patients were especially close to her.

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Financial Statement

General Funds		
Balance As Of June 9, 2005		**$5,270.96**
Receipts		
New Members	$25.00	
Membership Dues	$150.00	
Interest	$2.18	
"Engraved Coins as Love Token" Book Sales	$53.00	
Total Receipts	$230.18	
Subtotal		**$5,501.14**
Expenses		
CK #1069 Robert C. Newhouse -LL# 218		
Kinkos	$195.61	
Graphics	$75.00	
Postage	$78.93	
Total Expenses		**($418.94)**
Balance As Of August 9, 2005		**$5,082.20**
Permanent Fund — 1-year certificate of deposit, Citizens Bank & Trust, Mandeville. LA 70448		**$1,218.00**
TOTAL Love Token Society Funds		**$6,300.20**

Membership Report

Membership as of August 9, 2005 177

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IN THE NEXT LOVE LETTER

Want your own Love Token engraved?
Look for details in the October issue.

NOTE: New Address and email for Ernie Turnes on Front page

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PAT HAMMOND

I am very pleased to greet you as your new president. I have fully enjoyed my role as Vice President for the past two years and hope you all have been pleased. I am still learning new things about the making of Love Tokens. There are so many different styles, sizes, designs – we just have to have one of each!

I hope to keep in touch with the board members as much as possible. I am going to miss having Carol at the helm. I thank her for her kind words of encouragement and will be seeking her advice from time to time. I have enjoyed her Love Token articles in our newsletter. The two new programs Carol has proposed for our newsletter sound like positive ways to increase our knowledge of Love Tokens and our desire to share our collections with our fellow members.

I have been thinking of another program, one where each member could write a short description of one of the many different types of Love Tokens. How they are designed, how they are made, what the occasion might have been, what kind of coin is used, what time period. Some are engagement rings, hair bracelets, hobo nickels, love spoons, stick pins, valentines and more. I know this may take a little research but it would be worth it. I would be willing (with help) to organize the written articles and display them for viewing at our meetings and conventions.

I think this could be a good learning tool for us all. Also, a good way to encourage new members, generate interest and a desire to start collecting Love Tokens. I hope I have an opportunity to attend one of the Love Token Conventions soon. I am looking forward to meeting my fellow members and share ideas and stories.

Please email or call with questions or comments.

Happy Love Token Searching!
Pat Hammond

"Jamie" *(continued from page 1)*

My Dad had two sisters, one who never married and the other who married at 52. Mom had wanted to name me Martha Marie Morrison, so that I would have Aunt Mary's initials, MMM, but Aunt Jessie thought that I should have her initials, JAM, so Janice Ann Morrison I became. Then Dr. Newman designed a unique monogram for me, and it was used on the classic silver cup, baby spoon, and toddler fork and spoon that were popular around September 11, 1946. For some indeterminate reason, Dr. Newman just started calling me "Jammy," but spelling it "Jamie." This was long before Jamie became a popular name for girls, but was sometimes used as a nickname for boys named James. (After I received a Ph.D. in nursing, I became Dr. Jamie Spikes, and was frequently thought to be a male physician instead of a female nurse in some healthcare-related circles.) Jamie just seemed to stick as my name, even though I did have a brief interim of "Gigi" until my brother Jimmy, who is 20 months younger, could say Jamie. As I have found out from the seller of the LT, Jamie is a relatively common Scottish name for both girls and boys. Also, it is an older name there than it is here.

Back to my initials. I dropped the A. for Ann and started using M. for Morrison as my middle initial. Over the years I have found that JMS is a very common initial combination. A number of first names, both male and female begin with J and even more last names begin with S. The initial M seems to be fairly common for both. I have 7 JMS dime love tokens. At times I wear 5 of these on graduated silver chains. I have old JS pierced earrings and a love token bracelet with various initials and names on all of those LT's. There are no JMS's or JS's on the bracelet, but it's an attractive and comfortable bracelet, so I don't really care. I suppose my very favorite LT piece is an exquisite, uncirculated one-dollar gold piece with JMS on it in a most attractive script. I had it set in a coin bezel, and I wear it frequently. Time will tell if the 1887 silver Scottish shilling "Jamie" trumps the 1852 gold dollar "JMS."

As Proverbs 22:1 tells us, "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches." I like my initials and my name. I believe that I have a "good name" in my specialty areas of nursing and health care, so what's $75 when you finally find your very own name on a love token. I have some sympathy for contemporary infants and children. I would venture that there are no or very few love tokens to be found with Caitlyn, Katelin, Cateln, etc. or Dillon, Dylan, Dilyn, etc. engraved on them. Those young people just recently born will just have to be content when they find their initial, but if they do find the right name with the right spelling, $75 will seem like a mere pittance to pay for such a treasure.

Jamie Morrison Spikes

Ask Miss Love Token

Dear Miss Love Token,

I believe you do not have to know the real story behind a particular love token, but instead can create one from your own imagination and dreams. I have done this before with a gold love token and am in the process of writing another story about a love token from India. Can you or any other members give me tips on how to sharpen writing skills? Maybe you could give me and other would be writers some pointers in making up a love token story. I believe LTS has a great untapped potential of love token stories within our membership.

Signed,
Inspired to write, but need help.

Dear Inspired to write,

I would say that practice helps, along with learning by doing. Feedback and a good editor also aid the process. A computer is a plus and can check spelling, but it is limited in checking grammar and content. Good writers are creative thinkers.

First, find an unusual story in your mind and then write an outline with a sequence of how you want the story to unfold. Do not be too quick to write the whole story. Sometimes the best thought or a good transition between several ideas will come to you later when you aren't even giving it much thought. This is especially true when one is trying to fall asleep and the mind wanders, yielding great ideas. Keep a paper and pencil at hand and make a note when an image or idea comes to you. DO NOT ASSUME YOU WILL REMEMBER IT LATER.

Once you've written your story, read it. Good writing means rewriting. Does your story flow? Are the transitions smooth? An introductory paragraph should give people an idea of what is to come and a good conclusion with a strong final sentence is important. "They lived happily ever after" is cliché and should be avoided, but the reader should not be left hanging. A good ending wraps everything together. The title can be decided prior to writing or at the completion of the story. My preference is to start with the title. A title should make the viewer curious about the content of the story.

If possible, have a good editor check your grammar, spelling, and other technical aspects of your story. If no editor is available, at least double check your spelling. Verb tense can be a hidden menace. If you start writing in the past tense, do not get confused and alternate with the present tense. Also, make sure your verb matches your subject (pay attention to plural and singular subjects and match the verb correctly). Contractions (e.g., didn't or wouldn't) and the first person are not used in formal or academic writing, but may be appropriate at times when writing a story. Sentences starting with "The" or "A" are weaker than those with more complex words. Likewise, beginning with "And" or "But" is a big No No, although some people believe that used sparingly, they are good for impact or emphasis. Also, avoid repeating a word too many times within close proximity. Substitute an alternate word or rework the sentence to eliminate the word entirely. A thesaurus helps some people, but with practice, it will become second nature.

Streamline your writing. Sometimes two or three sentences can be combined, but watch out for run-on sentences. There are different types of writing, for example, historical, mystery, romance. I think a good love token story has some of all of these. True historical references about places, clothes, economics, and the times give validity to the story as well as making it interesting and a learning experience for the reader. Personally, I like mysteries -- the unexpected or good plot twist. The traditional romance novel, often is too sappy or a little too detailed in personal areas for me. However, a love token story should have some romance or at least friendship. It is a "love" token after all. However the story line and creative thinking are the most important.

Sometimes the picture or words engraved on love tokens can serve as a source of inspiration. Good luck with your writing and please share the final story with us. And, (emphasis) I encourage other members to get out their love tokens with pens in hand. I actually spoke with J T Stanton (publisher) about five years ago and he expressed interest in publishing a love token book just on these creative stories.

Sincerely,
Miss Love Token

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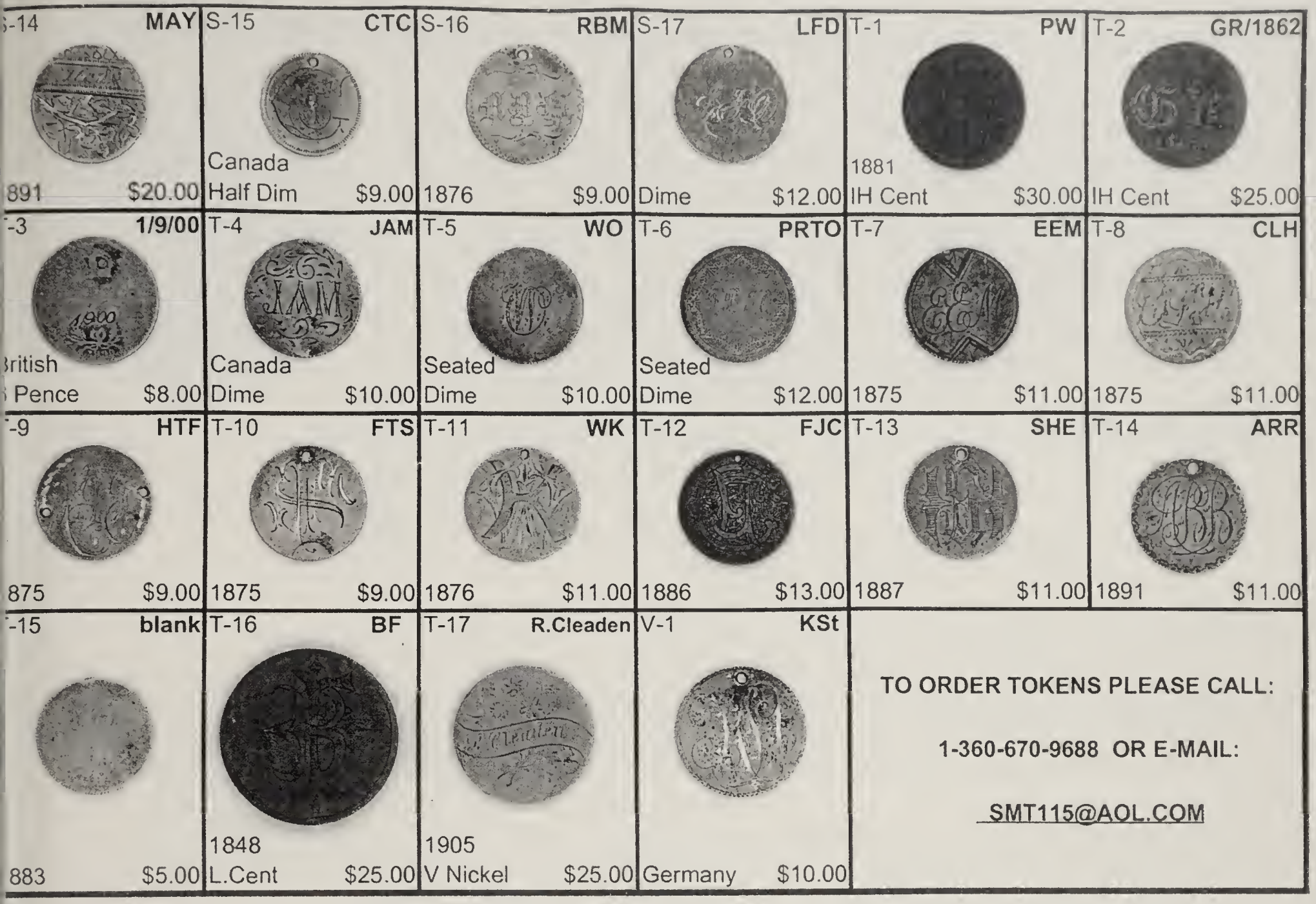

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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BIDS!

Love
Love Token Society Newsletter
Letter

Dr. Robert C. Newhouse
5840 Tuttle Cove Rd.
Manhattan, KS 66503

Even if you call and are not able to reach me, please leave your choices on my answering machine or voicemail. I will always get the message, so you have a better chance to get the coins you want. I **WILL STRESS AGAIN, DO NOT JUST SEND PAYMENT FOR COINS. YOU MUST PLACE THE ORDER BY PHONE OR E-MAIL**

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The Newest Is the Oldest

Ernie Turnes

Because I often talk about love tokens at club meetings, members of several local clubs sometimes tell me about pieces, point them out at coin shows or offer them to me when they get them. A fellow club member recently offered me two coins that belonged to a friend who didn't know about love tokens and who didn't want to keep these coins that had been his father's. They are my newest acquisitions.

One is an 1865 English one Shilling coin that has two characteristics of interest. The first is the way that it is pierced. The five holes are of three different sizes and in a pattern that makes it difficult to understand why it is holed the way that it is. A love token collector would first think that it was part of a necklace or bracelet, but the location and size of the holes make this doubtful. The second characteristic is that the engraving is difficult to decipher — impossible for me. The coin is so well worn that it appears to have been a pocket piece — one carried around for many years (this fact also makes one question its ever having been a part of a piece of jewelry).

The second coin is the older of the two and the one that I was more interested in when I was first shown them. It is a 1781 silver Bolivian coin, approximately 1 1/16th inch in diameter. I believe the denomination is 2 Reales. The initials "GB" are inscribed over the neck and head of Carolus III. This coin is now the oldest dated coin in my collection.

As I often say, it's good when fellow collectors (whom you can trust) know what you collect.

Ernie Turnes

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Financial Statement

General Funds		
Balance As Of June 9, 2005		**$5,270.96**
Receipts		
Interest	$4.35	
Total Receipts	$4.35	
Subtotal		**$5,086.55**
Expenses		
CK #1069 Robert C. Newhouse -LL# 220		
Kinkos	$158.30	
Graphics	$75.00	
Postage	$41.47	
Total Expenses		**($274.77)**
Balance As Of October 9, 2005		**$4,811.78**
Permanent Fund 1-year certificate of deposit Citizens Bank & Trust, Mandeville. LA 70448		**$1,218.00**
TOTAL Love Token Society Funds		**$6,029.78**

Membership Report

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Sid Gale, Secretary, Treasurer

NOTICE:

There will be an L.T. S. meeting at the F.U.N. show in Orlando, FL, on Friday, January 6, 2006 from 3 - 5 p.m. If you are present at this show, please attend and support our club.

CUSTOM-MADE LOVE TOKENS

If you would like to have a love token made for someone special, call Sid Gale at 985-626-3867 for details. The engraver is an experienced engraver located in Mandeville, LA. You provide the coin and what you wish to have engraved. The cost is $1.50 per letter or numeral. Borders are $10.00-$15.00 depending on the detail. I will submit pictures of sample love tokens in the next Love Letter. You deal directly with the engraver, however, if there should be a problem, I will assist in resolving it.

Sid Gale, Secretary

President's Message

Pat Hammond

I have been a member of the Love Token Society since 1972 and still have all the Love Token Society Newsletters. It is fun to go back and re-read some of the articles. You know, we are talking over 30 years of newsletters. That's a long time.

I am a retired RN from the New York State Suny Campus in Albany, New York. I have four children and eight grandchildren, all of whom I cherish ver much. I am blessed.

My husband started me collecting Love Tokens in 1970 when we were members of a local Coin Club, and my husband was the president at that time and I, the secretary.

My collection is not a large one, but I still enjoy it anyway. Some of my Love Tokens are very special to me -- some have sentimental value. My favorite Love Tokens are two gold $1.00 pieces. One is engraved "Grandma" and the other is engraved "PAPA." Another favorite is a two and half dollar gold piece with my initials "PH" and was given to me by my husband. I collect all types of Love Tokens and continue to search for that special Love Token – the one that will make my collection complete. When I find it, I will know it.

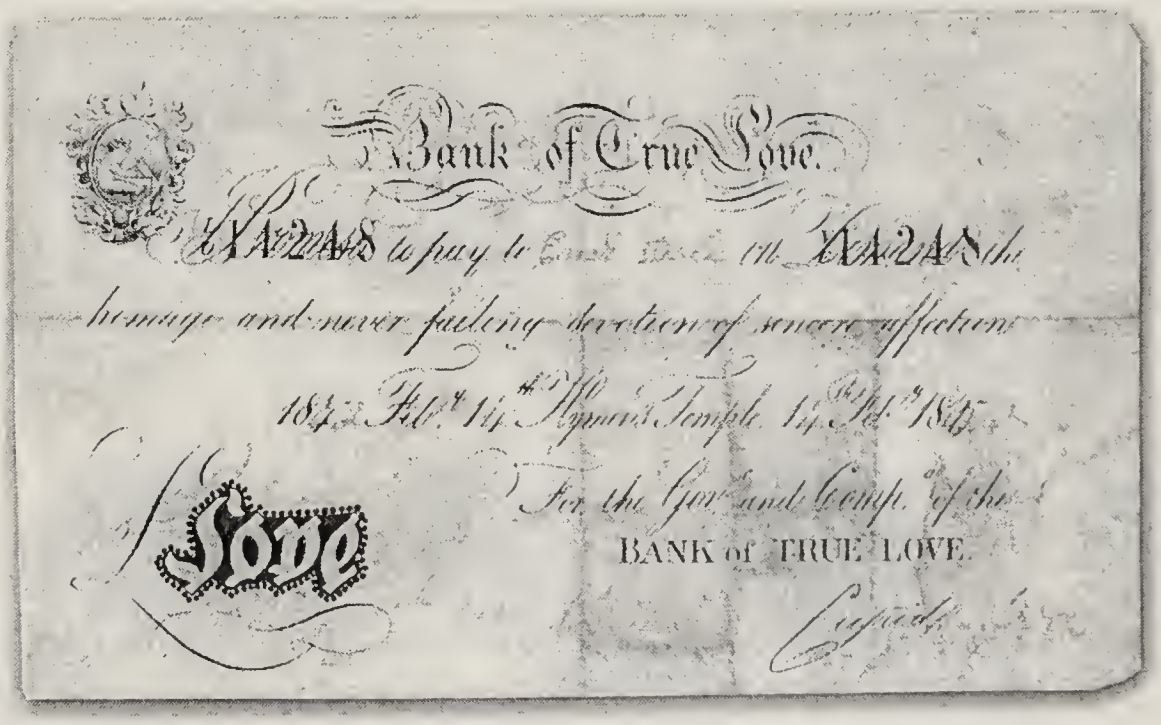
My other hobbies are: crafts, crocheting, knitting, bowling, walking, water aerobics, reading, working with volunteer organizations. I sit on the board of a local volunteer organization and enjoy it very much.

I am looking forward to my new position. I hope to meet many of the members in the months to come. One my goals is to inform the general public about our LTS. I will try my very best to represent our LTS in every way and hope to attend some of the club meetings and/or conventions when they are on the East Coast.

I am always looking for new articles and information about Love Tokens to put in our Love Token Newsletter. Please fell free to share any thoughts or ideas you may have with me, I would really appreciate your input. I hope to hear of your new finds via email.

Happy "Love Token" hunting
Pat Harmmond, President

Submitted by George A. Bilodeau, Jr. (Walt Weigland of Connecticut offered this for the newsletter. He purchased it from a paper dealer at a coin show.)



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(signed) Cupid

This month I would like to forego my regular column and offer a tribute instead. The Love Token Society has lost one of its own. A long time love token collector and LTS former member, Archie Taylor Sr. passed away on March 2nd 2005 after suffering a massive stroke. To those who knew him, he was a character, affable, and had a great sense of humor.

I first met Archie at a LTS meeting roughly twelve years ago. I was fairly new to collecting love tokens and Archie had brought his entire collection to this particular meeting. What a treat to see a large collection amassed over a long period of time. Among the coins contained in approximately two double row boxes were some rather unusual pictorials, a few of which were on gold coins.

The most memorable was his "Terror to Tramps" chair engraved on a $20 gold coin. This coin was presented to S I Baker by the town of Oakland ME in 1900. Baker invented a cage in the shape of a chair on wheels that housed vagrants who were paraded around town to the jeers and abuse of the townspeople. Although unorthodox and inhuman, in its day was an effective deterrent in keeping undesirables out of town.

The tramp chair engraving really combined two of Archie's loves: love tokens and hobo nickels. Although the coin was engraved in the style of a love token, pictured in the chair was a little man which could just as easily represent a hobo. The chair was designed to house homeless wanderers in general and there was most likely no distinction between bums, tramps, hobos, and maybe even drunks wandering the streets.

Archie sold most of his LT collection by 2001 and turned his attention more towards his hobo nickel interest. He could often be seen at FUN either on the bourse floor or at the Original Hobo Nickel Society (OHNS) table. As this FUN show draws nearer, I can't help but think of Archie and know there will be a void without his presence. To his wife and son I offer heartfelt condolences on behalf of myself and the Love Token Society.

On a related note:
I read in the Numismatist that Leonard R Saunders (age 52) passed away on June 13th 2005. Although Leonard was not a member of LTS, I meet him early on in my collecting. He regularly attended the FUN show and although he never had a great quantity of love tokens, the ones he had were generally unusual. Over the last five years he hadn't had any love tokens for sale (at FUN), but nonetheless he was always friendly and welcoming on a personal note, so much so that business seemed almost secondary. My condolences go out to his wife and two sons.

Sincerely,
Miss Love Token
(Carol Harmes Decker)

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J-21 **JFM/HMM** Seated Quarter $12.50	J-22 Barber Dimes $20.00		J-23 **PJM** <1854> 1856 $35.00		J-24 **JEH** British 3 Pence $10.00

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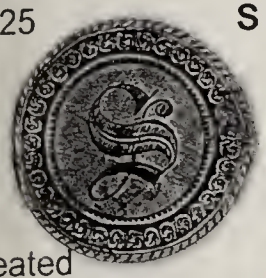
T-25 S  Seated Quarter $15.00	V-1 KSt Germany $10.00				

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T-25	PINBACK REMOVED

Love
Love Token Society Newsletter
Letter

Dr. Robert C. Newhouse
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Manhattan, KS 66503

A Tribute

Many of you may have read of the passing of George Simms in a recent issue of the Love Letter. George Simms and I had never met in person or talked over the phone -- our only communication was via the U.S. mail. However, I would like to share a positive memory of him.

In 2002 I put a "love tokens wanted" item in the newsletter searching for family members' names or initials. A shor time later I received an envelope from New Port Richey, Florida. Inside was a letter and an Indian Head cent with my mother's initials. It was from George. He had not written or called in advance to discuss the coin, compensation, or to say it was coming. He just mailed it and noted that, if possible, it would be nice if I could send him a love token with an "S" as one of the initials. I did, and George wrote back that he had received it and kidded that he would ask a daughter-in-law to name a futer grandchild to match the love token letters.

George also said that he thought that he had gotten the better of the exchange. I don't feel that way. I appreciate his kind gesture and consideration.

Ernie Turnes

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The Leater Prince Collection of Love Tokens

Leater and her husband, Bill, have been collecting Love Tokens since 1953. Her interest began when she found a Dine Love Token with the engraving "Papa" on it at the local baseball field.

Love Tokens originated during the reign of George II (1727) and began in America following the Civil War. There are all types and denominations of coins with one or both sides planed or smoothed off and then engraved with names, initials, scenes or other messages. Most of the historical background has been lost over time, however, collectors treasure them for their lovely engraved art and beauty.

Leater has a necklace she found and purchased in the early 1960s, which has 19 engraved dimes with an 1827 bust half attached, centered and beautifully engraved with "Mother and Father" and includes a floral bouquet.

Of the dozen or so bracelets she has collected, her favorite had 19 dimes of which 13 are scenes which picture two hearts and hands, a lake with a house, crossed tennis racquets and a man on horseback. Another bracelet has seven beautifully matched engravings of the home - a rolling pin, vegetable chopper, milk pitcher, cup with saucer, flat-iron and a broom.

One of the two magnificent watch fobs in her collection had four dimes and a heart attached to the bottom. All the dimes have a scene and a name; Willie has a horseshoe, Frank an owl, Mama a dog and Papa an ocean scene. The heart is dated 1891.

Leater has approximately 400 Love Tokens in her outstanding collection. Among many highlights is an 1855 seated half with pin, the eagle reverse is enameled red, white and blue. Of the many dual-sided dimes there's an old fashioned fire engine with the letter "T," a telegrapher's key with monograms and a railroad train with a fancy reverse named "Little Brother."

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Financial Statement

General Funds		
Balance As Of October 9, 2005		**$4,811.78**
Receipts		
Member Dues	$25.00	
Donations	$25.00	
Interest	$2.03	
Total Receipts	$52.03	
Subtotal		**$4,863.81**
Expenses		
CK #1069 Robert C. Newhouse -LL# 221		
Kinkos	$123.63	
Graphics	$75.00	
Postage	$74.47	
Misc. Postage	$5.40	
CK#1076 FUN Dues	$15.00	
Total Expenses		**($293.03)**
Balance As Of December 10, 2005		**$4,257.78**
Permanent Fund 1-year certificate of deposit Citizens Bank & Trust, Mandeville. LA 70448		**$1,218.00**
TOTAL Love Token Society Funds		**$5,788.78**

Membership Report

Membership as of October 9, 2005 177

Sid Gale, Secretary, Treasurer

Notice

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Denham Springs, LA 70727

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Other fancy engraved dimes include a horse, a heart with a letter "F," a couple walking the beach holding hands and a cornucopia of flowers with the name "Tute."

Her Morgan dollars have attractive names like "Ida" and huge letters A-B-C with flowers. An 1800 American Bust Dollar has fancy monograms with scallop work around its edges. The George IVth circa 1820 English Crown is most elaborately engraved "Lizzie Shomberg." A one dollar gold coin has a bid with leaves and border. One 1852 two and half dollar gold piece has a lake scene with houses and the name "grandma." The other is dual with an ocean scene and lighthouse with the name "Elmer," its reverse has floral work with a scroll and name "Jessie."

Another interesting Love Token is an 1899 barber dime. It has the Lord's Prayer, all hand engraved and include a fancy border. This dime shows the skill some engravers had years ago.

The most elaborate coin in the collection (according to the late Robert Weter) is smoothed on both sides and according to its edge is a Spanish eight Reales, silver dollar. The obverse has a man and woman centered on the coin, the are holding hands. The coin is holed at 12 o'clock and directly below are two hearts with arrows. Inside a scalloped edge are the words "when this you see - remember mee." Her initials are L.L., his are J.W.

On the reverse is a huge sailing ship which has three masts and the English Flag. The ship's name is "Alfred" which is engraved below from 7-5 o'clock.

Leater and her husband are well known numismatists from Raymond, New Hampshire.

Reprinted from an article by the late Robert Wester, MANA Journal, May 1989

Dear Miss Love Token,

I have a love token with five stones (1 green, 1 white pearl, 2 red, and 2 blue) and was wondering if the stones had any special meaning?

Signed,
Curious (LA)

Dear Curious,

Congratulations on having a very nice love token. Those with stones are harder to find and quite often will be missing stones. Love tokens with stylized floral sprays are the most common form. Usually they have red (garnet), blue (turquoise), and white (pearl) stones. Your piece is a nicer example with five stones and has a more unusual green stone. The green could either be an emerald, a tsavorite garnet, colored glass, or less likely, a green tourmaline.

When you first mentioned five stones, I remembered something called "regard" jewelry and thought this might be an example. When I later researched it, I found that six stones are used:
Ruby, **E**merald, **G**arnet, **A**methyst, **R**uby, **D**iamond. The first letter of each stone spells **REGARD**.

Stones do have meanings and most people associate the diamond with love as it is used in engagement rings. A previous Love Letter article, "Love Tokens and the Language of Flowers" (April 2003), covered the secret world and meaning of flowers. Red roses and diamonds are the gifts of true love, but there are other sentiments conveyed through other stones and flowers. Below is information gathered from a study of post cards circa 1900-1918:

Diamond = love	Pearl = purity
Ruby = fervent love	Turquoise = success
Topaz = true and gay	Amethyst = sincerity and peace of mind

A review of a book, "Answers to Questions About Old Jewelry 1841-1950" by Jeanenne Bell, also reveals these secret codes:

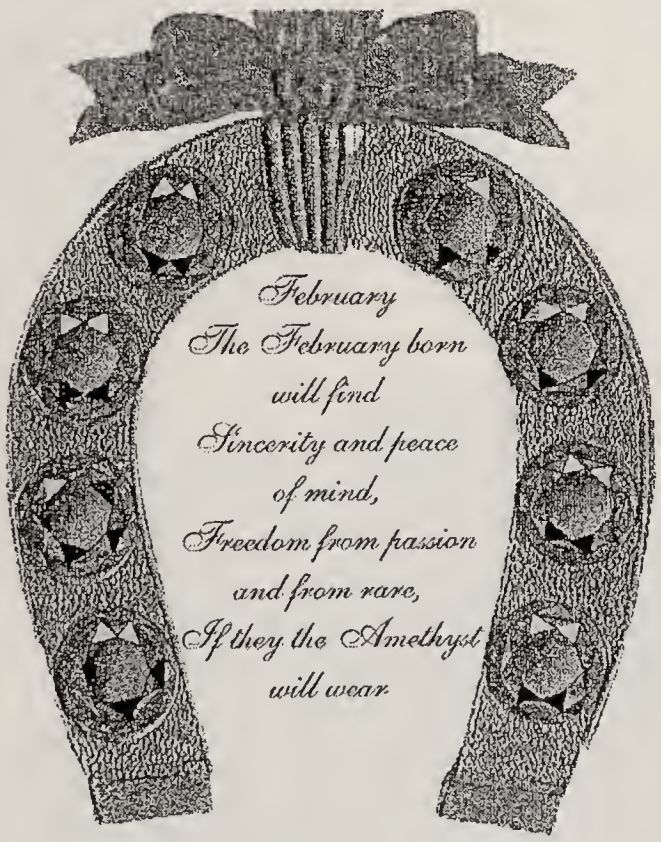
Amethyst protects the wearer, brings good luck, and was also worn in the late stages of mourning.

Coral wards off evil and danger.
Bloodstone has magical powers, an ability to stop bleeding, and preserves health.
Jet is a hard or fossilized coal and was used in mourning. (During this period it was traditional for the mourning period to last two years and only black could be worn for the first year.)
Opals were believed by the ancients to bring good fortune to the wearer. It was not until 1829 that a book (romantic fiction) was responsible for the bad luck myth.
Garnet empowers the wearer with truth, constancy, and faith
Moonstone symbolizes the moon, romance, love, and passion. It was a favorite stone to give a sweetheart.
Peridot has the power to overcome timidness.
Emerald heightens intelligence and can help the wearer save money.
Ruby brings wisdom, wealth, and health.
Amber offers protection against disease.

In reviewing another jewelry book, I found a listing of popular stones, designs, and trends in jewelry used throughout the Victorian period and I will write more on it next issue.

Sincerely,
Miss Love Token
(Carol Harmes Decker)

LUCKY BIRTHSTONE



LETTERS

Dear Love Token Society,

I was at a coin show where I picked up a copy of the Numismatist magazine and read the article about Love Tokens. I am requesting that you please take a look at the XEROX copy of a coin that I purchased at this show - for a whopping 35 cents! Would this be considered a Love Token? Do you have any idea what the initials on the back are? I think the second letter is an "H" but I have no idea of what the first letter is. Oh, I wanted to let you know that if this is a Love Token, the person who made it used one of the Racketeer Nickels as there are remnants of gold plating around the stars and the date on the obverse. Not much left of it on the face, but you can tell that it was there. Please feel free to contact me with your response via email frankdoherty@ureach.com Thank you very much for your help.

Frank Doherty
33108 Twelfth Court, SW Federal Way
Washington 98023-5333

Dear Love Token Society,

I have four love tokens on one-dollar gold pieces, mounted on tie pins. Three are type one and other is a type three. They are all quite nice. The type three has two fancy initials, no other engraving. The three type-ones have very fancy engraving around the edges. I would consider selling the four as a lot or separate. Thanks, Ted Alvey. If anyone is interested, I can be contacted at:

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Happy New Year

A-1 **Meb** 1876 $15.00	A-2 **JEJ** 1882 $8.00	A-3 **SV** Seated Dime $12.00	A-4 **WB** 1902 Quarter $20.00	A-5 **MJF** Seated Quarter $15.00	A-6 **LA** 1856 Quarter $25.00
J-1 **PFL** R.E. Blank $9.00	J-2 **PE** Canada Dime $9.00	J-3 **AIC** Canada 5 Cents $10.00	J-4 **GAK** Canada 5 Cents $10.00	J-5 **WHP** 1877 $10.00	J-6 **AFC** Canada Dime $10.00
J-7 **ERS** Canada Dime $10.00	J-8 **AV** Canada 5 Cents $15.00	J-9 **JEC** Canada 5 Cents $15.00	J-10 **ECW** British 3 Pence $9.00	J-11 **MWM** British 3 Pence $9.00	J-12 **LAR** British 3 Pence $8.00
J-13 **LC** Canada Dime $8.00	J-14 **LVB** 1856 $8.00	J-15 **CEL** 1887 $15.00	J-16 **CJM** Canada Dime $15.00	J-17 **SI** Canada Dime $10.00	J-18 **WCL** Canada Dime $15.00
J-19 **JFM/HMM** Seated Quarter $12.50	J-20 Barber Dimes $20.00		J-21 **PJM** <1854> 1856 $35.00		J-22 **EAF** Canada 5 Cents $10.00
J-23 **JB** Canada Half Dim $8.00	J-24 **JLS** Canada Dime $8.00	J-25 **JIS** Seated Dime $8.00	J-26 **LTC** 1856 $8.00	J-27 **JRC** 1883 $8.00	J-28 **LMT** 1857 $10.00
J-29 **EOP** 1876 $10.00	J-30 **CWT** 1882 $10.00	J-31 **MLC** 1884 $10.00	J-32 **SAN** 1886 $10.00	J-33 **RMS** Dime $10.00	J-34 **HDH** Dime $10.00

J-35 TS Canada Dime $10.00	J-36 JTY 1891 $9.00	J-37 CWM 1877 $10.00	J-38 T <1853> $9.00	J-39 MOR 1857 $9.00	J-40 S 1857 $9.00
J-41 Jr 1876 $9.00	J-42 LNP 1876 $9.00	J-43 ECW 1877 $9.00	J-44 GHR 1883 $9.00	J-45 WRC 1887 $9.00	J-46 NS 1892 $9.00
J-47 KJC 1876 $12.50	J-48 MFC 1876 $12.50	J-49 HCL 1876 $12.50	J-50 HENRY 1883 $15.00	P-1 AD 1884 $10.00	P-2 WB 1882 $10.00
P-3 HVW 1899 $9.00	H-1 CAB <1853> $11.00	S-1 JWC Seated Dime $10.00	S-2 WPJ 1877 $9.00	S-3 B Seated Dime $2.50	S-4 EDL Seated Dime $2.50
S-5 CSS 1875 $7.00	S-6 WHN 1873 $7.00	S-7 WC 1883 $7.00	S-8 FPW 1870 Half Dime $9.00	S-9 GEC 1860 Half Dime $10.00	S-10 MAC Seated Dime $9.00
S-11 CTC Canada Half Dim $9.00	S-12 LFD Dime $12.00	T-1 PW 1881 IH Cent $25.00	T-2 R.Cleaden 1905 V Nickel $25.00	T-3 JAM Canada Dime $10.00	T-4 FG 1875 $10.00
T-5 WO Seated Dime $10.00	T-6 PRTO Seated Dime $12.00	T-7 EEM 1875 $11.00	T-8 CLH 1875 $11.00	T-9 MP 1883 $10.00	T-10 HTF 1875 $9.00
T-11 FTS 1875 $9.00	T-12 WK 1876 $11.00	T-13 FJC 1886 $13.00	T-14 SHE 1887 $11.00	T-15 ARR 1891 $11.00	T-16 blank 1883 $5.00
T-17 JDE <1874> $10.00	T-18 CIS 1888 $10.00	T-19 pictorial 1886 $30.00	T-20 AB 1871 $10.00	T-21 LJM 1872 $12.00	T-22 FC 1858 3C Silver $30.00

T-23 **RW**

3C Silver $22.00

T-24 **OLLY**

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Sweden $20.00

T-25 **D**

1867
France $18.00

T-26 **EDIE**

Canada
H Dime $20.00

T-27 **JVL**

Canada
Dime $12.00

T-28 **Mother**

Canada
Dime $18.00

T-29 **Mama**

Germany $15.00

T-30 **Louis**

Germany $20.00

T-31 **Father**

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T-32 **HCS**

Great
Britan $11.00

T-33 **Jo & Mary...**

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S-3	LIGHT DAMAGE & SCRATCHES
S-4	HAS BEEN SMASHED
S-7	LIGHT BEND
S-12	REVERSE HAS THE LORD'S PRAYER BUT WORN
T-1	HIGH GRADE INDIAN HEAD CENT
T-2	NAME ON A RIBBON & PICTORIAL OF FLOWERS
T-16	BLANK READY FOR ENGRAVING
T-18	ON CUTDOWN SEATED DIME
T-19	PICTORIAL OF A SAIL BOAT & BIRDS
T-23	REVERSE VERY WORN
T-25	FRENCH EMPIRE 50 CENTIMES
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